

Miller, Walker, and Salmon Basin Plan Executive Committee and Project Management Team Combined Meeting

Date: Thursday September 18, 2003

Time: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Location: City of Burien City Manager's Conference Room

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Dan Bath	City of Burien
Bruce Bennett	King County
Steve Bennett	City of Normandy Park
Curt Crawford	King County
Bob Duffner	Port of Seattle
Michael Feldman	Port of Seattle/SeaTac
Rod Hansen	King County
Gary Long	City of Burien
Merlin MacReynold	City of Normandy Park
Mehrdad Moini	WSDOT
Don Monaghan	City of SeaTac
Bruce Rayburn	City of SeaTac
Dale Schroeder	City of SeaTac
Craig Stone	WSDOT
Julie Cairn	King County

Introductions and Upcoming Items

September 25 – Salmon Creek Basin Public Meeting

October 2 – Miller and Walker Creeks Public Meeting

Public Meeting Material Presentation and Discussion

The purpose of the Executive Committee meeting is to review the project progress to date, share the findings, go over the material that is planned for discussion at the upcoming public meetings, and get input and responses from the Executive Committee membership in advance of the public meetings.

Bruce went through the public meeting materials and the group discussed the scope, content, and organization. Based on extensive discussions, the materials were modified and refined for use at the public meetings.

Some suggestions for the public meeting presentation included:

- Identify and discuss “implementation challenges” for the potential solutions identified.
- Clarify the terminology to be used for flows – peaks versus durations
- Clarify the terminology – near shore vs. estuary

Other Items

During the course of the discussion, several items came up for later consideration or action. They were:

- Hydrology and Geology 101 Handouts might be useful on the Web or for the 2nd round of public meetings.
- Background information on Urban Creeks might be useful.
- Comment cards should be distributed at the meeting and the Q&A session should be extended past 8:00 if there is interest.
- The presentation should emphasize the inter-related nature of the three goals for the basins.
- Are there linkages between Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Conservation Planning efforts and this Basin Plan? Should there be?
- Burien has recently initiated the design phase of improvements for 1st Avenue. If there are things that the basin plan might recommend that could be addressed in their project, NOW is the time to make that known and to potentially provide input. The opportunity will be lost in a matter of months.
- The Basin Plan text should be written to provide support for grant applications, if a recommendation is to purchase land (like for the Walker headwater wetland).
- Are the flow control strategies we are considering for restoration purposes or preservation purposes?
- What are the overall goals – to preserve the resources or to improve the resources?
- The PMT needs to get the input from the ACC on their assessment of the modeling.
- The City of Burien is concerned about the adequacy of the Southwest Suburban Sewer Districts Operations and Management, and potential adverse impacts on these streams and on Puget Sound. Burien is potentially interested in engaging King County to help look at this.